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Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: NYMEX Submission 04.171: Notification of Holiday Trading
Schedules and Hours for NYMEX-Europe Trading Facility in Dublin,
Ireland**

Dear Ms. Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is submitting this filing to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") as a self-certification of our upcoming schedule, which is attached, of shortened trading hours and Exchange holidays for the Exchange's NYMEX-Europe trading facility in Dublin Ireland.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that this holiday schedule complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. This holiday schedule commences with shortened trading hours on December 23, 2004.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President & Counsel

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The NYMEX Division offers trading in crude oil, heating oil, unleaded gasoline,
natural gas, electricity, coal, propane, platinum, and palladium. The COMEX Division
offers trading in gold, silver, copper, and aluminum.*

From: Exchange Information
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2004 1:07 PM
To: Exchange Information
Subject: (04-466) NYMEX-Europe Trading Facility in Dublin: Upcoming Early Closings and Holidays
Notice No. 04-466
December 9, 2004

To: All NYMEX Division Members and Member Firms
All COMEX Division Members and Member Firms
All NYMEX-Europe Permittees

From: James E. Newsome, President

Re: NYMEX-Europe Trading Facility in Dublin: Upcoming Early Closings and Holidays

Previously, the Exchange announced its general policy for the NYMEX-Europe trading facility in Dublin of following legal holidays in London.

Accordingly, listed below are the scheduled dates and times for upcoming early closings and holidays for Brent trading and for WTI-Brent spread trading (which are presented first with respect to prevailing Dublin time followed by New York time and which are consistent with holiday schedules in Dublin and in London).

Thursday December 23, 2004 – 6PM early close (Dublin time)/ 1PM (New York time)

Friday December 24, 2004 – 1PM early close (Dublin time)/ 8AM (New York time)

Monday December 27, 2004 – HOLIDAY (Dublin market closed)

Tuesday December 28, 2004 – HOLIDAY (Dublin market closed)

Wednesday December 29, 2004 – 6PM early close (Dublin time)/ 1PM (New York time)

Thursday December 30, 2004 – 6PM early close (Dublin time)/ 1PM (New York time)

Friday December 31, 2004 – 1PM early close (Dublin time)/ 8AM (New York time)

Monday January 3, 2005 – HOLIDAY (Dublin market closed)

Finally, a follow-up notice to members will be distributed shortly that will provide applicable operational information for Exchange Member Firms.